

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 2052

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Delaying the implementation of the health insurance partnership.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representative Cody; by request of Health Care Authority).

**House Committee on Health Care & Wellness**  
**House Committee on Ways & Means**  
**Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care**  
**Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

**Background:**

The Health Insurance Partnership (Partnership) was created to provide an affordable source of health insurance coverage for small employers and their employees. The Partnership will provide health insurance coverage for employees of small employers by combining contributions from small employers and their employees with a public subsidy from the state. The Partnership is scheduled to begin offering health insurance coverage by March 1, 2009.

**Summary:**

The operation of the Partnership is delayed from March 1, 2009, to January 1, 2011, unless sufficient state or federal funds are provided to begin operation earlier.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	62	34
Senate	41	5

**Effective:** July 26, 2009

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